

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE

NOTICE REGARDING CONSENT OF THE PARTIES

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(c), Fed.R.Civ.P. 73, and Local Rule 73.01, this Court has designated the Magistrate Judge of this District to conduct trials and otherwise dispose of any civil case that is filed in this Court. After an order of transfer is entered in a case, the Magistrate Judge may conduct any and all proceedings in the case, including the conduct of a jury or non-jury trial, and may order the entry of a final judgment in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 636(c); and Fed.R.Civ.P. 73. In the course of conducting such proceedings, a Magistrate Judge may hear and determine any pre-trial and post-trial motions, including case-dispositive motions.

If all parties agree to the assignment of the case to the Magistrate Judge, an appeal, if any, shall be taken directly to the U. S. Court of Appeals as provided in 28 U.S.C. § 636(c)(3) and Rule 73(c). Further review may be taken to the U. S. Supreme Court by writ of certiorari.

If all parties do not consent to a transfer of jurisdiction to a Magistrate Judge, no consent form will be filed with the Clerk and no party will reveal to the Clerk or any judge the position of any party on the issue of consent.

The consent form is attached and a fillable form is available on the court's website at www.tnmd.uscourts.gov under the forms section. When filing the Notice of Consent, in the CM/ECF filing system, use the event listed under Notices, Notice of Consent of the Parties.

DO NOT RETURN THE ATTACHED FORM UNLESS ALL PARTIES CONSENT TO PROCEED BEFORE THE MAGISTRATE JUDGE.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
for the
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE

Michael David Sills, et al.

v.

Plaintiff,

Case No.: 3:23-cv-00478

Southern Baptist Convention, et al.

Defendant,

NOTICE, CONSENT, AND REFERENCE OF A CIVIL ACTION TO A MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Notice of a magistrate judge's availability. A United States magistrate judge of this court is available to conduct all proceedings in this civil action (including a jury or nonjury trial) and to order the entry of a final judgment. The judgment may then be appealed directly to the United States court of appeals like any other judgment of this court. A magistrate judge may exercise this authority only if all parties voluntarily consent.

You may consent to have your case referred to a magistrate judge, or you may withhold your consent without adverse substantive consequences. The name of any party withholding consent will not be revealed to any judge who may otherwise be involved with your case.

Consent to a magistrate judge's authority. The following parties consent to have a United States magistrate judge conduct all proceedings in this case including trial, the entry of final judgment, and all post-trial proceedings.

Parties' printed names

Signatures of parties or attorneys

Dates

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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Reference Order

IT IS ORDERED: This case is referred to a United States magistrate judge to conduct all proceedings and order the entry of a final judgment in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 636(c) and Fed. R. Civ. P. 73.

Date: _____

District Judge's signature

Printed name and title

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